



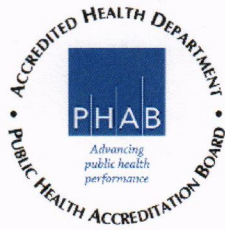
Meeting Minutes



Meeting Title:	Child Care Advisory Council	
Meeting Location:	CC/PL Conference Room – 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211	
Meeting Date:	September 6, 2019	
Time:	1:00 PM	
Called to Order:	1:07 PM by Festus E. Simkins	
Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:	November 8, 2019 1:00 p.m. CC/PL Conference Room / 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211	
Attendees:	<u>Council Members Present</u> Cora Lee-Vone Rogers Kristi McHale (Representing Jacob Black, JD) Whitney Herring Larry Nobles Tonya Jones Michelle A. Pugsley	<u>Council Members Absent</u> Rebecca McKeehan Tumutual Norton Cathy Grace
	<u>Council Members Attending Via Phone Conference</u> Lori A. Rolison	
	<u>MSDH Staff Present</u> Festus E. Simkins Chad Allgood, Ph.D. Cassandra Walter, Esq. Brytni West Sandra Smith Marlinda Beck-Lee	Tonya Broger Chriscella Clay Lakeisha Bland
	<u>Members of the Public Present</u> Margie Nobles April Williams Rebecca Jones	Joe Mack Tammie Mack

Minutes Submitted by:

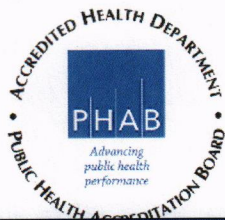
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	New Business	NOTES
1.	Child Care Updates-Dr. Chad Allgood	<p>Observation-Based Inspection Model - Pilot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expanding from 2 inspections to 4 inspections a year. This is a way for making observations during transitional periods at the facility. Recommendations based on the observations by the inspectors will be made to providers. <p>Recommendations may be based on violations observed, or recommendations may be based on suggestions to keep violations from occurring. During Observation-Based Inspections, only Class I violations will be subject to penalties. Class II & Class III violations will be corrected on sight. It is to help providers before it becomes a violation during transitional periods. Licensing officials will discuss the recommendations with facility Directors.</p>
2.	Concerns from Roadshow Meetings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The pilot will begin in a few weeks. One (1) licensing official per region will conduct the observation visits. There will be another set of roadshow meetings regarding the observation-based inspections. The observations will target areas such as ratio/unattended children violations. The first observation visit will be scheduled.
3.	Concerns from Providers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> During the observation period, licensing officials will be an unobtrusive as possible. Interactions with children and teachers will only occur when necessary. The game plan will address observations and recommendations based on what the licensing official observed. The center director will have the opportunity the provide feedback during the Game Plan. <p>Possible incentives are being explored at this time which may include scaling back on the number of required inspections. A minimum of one inspection per year will always be required. During the Game Plan, licensing officials will use the MSDH Child Care Resource Guide and Course Catalog to refer directors to resources/organizations for assistance (e.g., training, TA, other resources). Note: Mrs. Nobles (facility owner) made a comment-that their area director has discussed the process of Observation-Based Inspections with her.</p>
4.		<p>Chad introduced Nicole Banes as our new registered dietician and director of the training unit.</p> <p>The child care division has added a trainer in Desoto Co. - Josenda Dockery.</p> <p>Emergency preparedness training scheduled to be coming in October.</p> <p>MS Director's Credential Renewal - Over 600 participants have completed the renewal training. There is one more training scheduled for September 20, 2019.</p> <p>The Early Childcare Academy (ECA) will be offering the full MS Director's Credential- in the future. The ECA will also offer the credential renewal training.</p>
5.	Guest Discussed Concerns	<p>Concerns were expressed about adding extra items/regulations for the observation-based inspections. Dr. Allgood stated that no additional regulations or requirements have been added as part of the Observation-Based Inspection process. Festus Simkins stated that we are trying to get caseloads reduced for the licensing officials. By adding the inspections, we are raising the program to the national level to help providers.</p> <p>Chad stated that MSDH is willing to come and speak about the observation process if such requests are made, and MSDH staff time allows for it.</p>



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	Old Business	NOTES
1.	Vacancies on the CCAC and Proposed Child Care Fee Increase	<p>Mr. Simkins addressed that there is a child care advisory council vacancy of a representative from a professional organization. The vacancy is in the northern part of the state.</p> <p>He stated that an email was sent to all providers regarding the proposed fee increase. The Oral Proceeding is to be held on Monday, September 9, 2019, from 9:15-9:45 to receive public comment regarding the proposed fee increases. If passed, the fee increase will not be effective until January 2020.</p>

	Public Comments	NOTES
1.		Mr. Nobles gave farewell for his term has ended.
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	Other Business	NOTES
1.		Adjourned by Larry Nobles at 1:59 p.m.
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 Council Chairperson

 MSDH Representative
 2/7/2020
 Date